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CUMMINS NATURAL GAS PRODUCT LINE CERTIFIED TO ULTRA-LOW EMISSIONS STANDARDS

COLUMBUS, Ind. (Jan. 26, 1998) — Cummins Engine Co. Inc. today announced that the dedicated heavy-duty natural gas product line has achieved certification to the 1998 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Ultra-Low Emissions Vehicle (ULEV) standard. These dedicated spark-ignited natural gas engines, the B5.9G, C8.3G and L10G, feature advanced electronic engine management, closed-loop air/fuel ratio control, lean combustion and fully integrated subsystems.

"In addition to exceeding the stringent 1999 EPA Clean Fuel Fleet Vehicle LEV standard levels in 1998, these catalyst-equipped natural gas engines provide further emissions reductions with the addition of a closed crankcase ventilation system," said Clark Ahrens, director - Cummins North America and International bus marketing.

The B5.9G, C8.3G and L10G engines are certified for 1998 to both the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Optional Low NOx and EPA ULEV standards. The B5.9G and C8.3G are certified to a 2.5 g/bhp-hr CARB Low NOx level while the L10G is certified to an even lower 2.0 g/bhp-hr NOx. In addition, all three natural gas products are certified to the EPA Low Emissions Vehicle (LEV) standard without the use of an exhaust oxidation catalyst. Cummins is the first engine manufacturer to achieve this significant milestone.

"Three ultra-low emission natural gas products cover the 150-300 horsepower range suitable for urban and inter-city vehicle applications," said Vinod Duggal, director - Cummins alternative fuels product development. "This is a unique offering from a single engine manufacturer."

Experience since 1991 with spark-ignition gaseous fuel engines for the bus and truck markets has allowed Cummins to respond quickly to customers' needs. The L10G was the first heavy-duty engine to achieve the CARB Optional Low NOx certification for urban bus in 1996. In January 1997, Cummins was the first heavy-duty engine manufacturer to achieve both the EPA ULEV and LEV certifications with the B5.9G.

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"Cummins Engine Co. has been an outstanding leader in providing clean air solutions for fleet operators," stated Vince Fiore, vice president and general manager - natural gas vehicle (NGV) business unit of Gas Research Institute (GRI). "Cummins has worked closely with its customers and the natural gas industry to develop an entire family of natural gas engines that meet their needs. Especially valuable and reassuring to their customers investing in this new, cleaner-burning technology is the level of training and customer support provided through their broad network of distributors," he said.

Today, Cummins alternative fuel engines power over 2,500 vehicles in various fleet applications operating with over 160 million miles in revenue service. Cummins acknowledges the support from various natural gas industry stakeholders including GRI and Gas Technology Canada.

"Cummins has taken another major step in making natural gas the preferred alternative fuel in the bus and truck markets," said Richard R. Kolodziej, president of the Natural Gas Vehicle Coalition, the NGV industry's national trade group. "Having just one engine that meets the stringent EPA ULEV standard is laudable. For Cummins to have all three of their natural gas engines meet this standard is truly an accomplishment. This gives Cummins a significant advantage in the marketplace for EPA's Clean Fuel Fleet Vehicle LEV program implementation in September 1998," he said.

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(1-800-343-7357) or view http://www.cummins.com/bus/altfuels.html on the Internet.

Cummins Engine Co. Inc. is the world's largest producer of 200 plus hp diesel engines. Based in Columbus, Ind., Cummins is also a leading manufacturer of alternative fuel engines, diesel engine components, service products and power systems. In 1996 Cummins reported record sales of \$5.3 billion.